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Biographical/Historical Note

Thomas C. McRae was born December 21, 1851, at Mount Holly, Union County, Arkansas. He studied law and began his practice in 1873, in Rosston, Nevada County, Arkansas. He married Amelia Ann White in December 1874, and shortly thereafter, moved to Prescott, Arkansas. McRae became a state representative in 1877, chaired the Democratic State Conventions in 1884 and 1902, and served as a United States Congressman from 1885-1903. Upon retiring from Congress, McRae returned to his law and banking businesses. In 1921, he became Arkansas's twenty-sixth governor, serving two terms. While governor, McRae fought for improvements to the state highways and public education. He returned to Prescott after his second term ended in 1925, continuing with his law practice until his death on June 2, 1929.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains correspondence and printed material related to Thomas McRae's term of office in the United States Congress, as well as his law and banking businesses. Included are his efforts with Mountain Meadows Massacre claims, forest and natural resource reclamation, and timber land in Indian Territory, etc.

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